

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1 through 7 have been canceled, with claims 3 and 7 having been rewritten in independent form as new claims 8 and 10, and claim 4 having been rewritten as new claim 9 dependent on claim 8. When rewriting claims 3 and 4 as new claims 8-9, the language therein which the Examiner indicated as being indefinite, has been deleted.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and Action to that end is respectfully requested.

Specifically, claims 3 and 7, as it has already been noted above, have been indicated as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s), with the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, having been overcome.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8 and 10, which are claims 3 and 7 so rewritten, with the rejection of claim 3 being overcome as noted above, are in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that 9, former claim 4, is also allowable as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

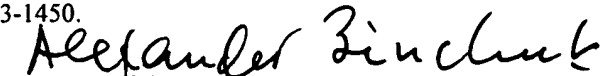
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